



**Sustainable Arlington  
An Environment Committee of Envision Arlington  
Agenda**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 24, 2021

**Time:** 7:30 – 9:00 pm

**Location:** Virtual Meeting by Zoom

**Registration required; link:** <https://town-arlington-ma-us.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUdp-6urjsqH9H5teaWs07aJs-kcEaqvzjC>

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1. Confirm first and last name of everyone on the call for the minutes and make sure that everyone can hear each other
2. Read Preamble to Remote Meetings
3. Introduce all members, staff, and persons on the agenda
4. Review “ground rules” for online meetings
5. Meeting materials will be available online through Novus or Town website for the public

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1. Introductions
2. Planning Dept. Update
3. February minutes. read here:  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1pcV1xqFVm9YzJ4Pz1re2Z19T2lIFiSmjtN3ESkpKALg/edit>

4. Arlington Eco Week (May). Charlotte Milan, Arlington Recycling Coordinator; Rachel Oliveri, Arlington Public Schools Sustainability Coordinator. Opportunities to collaborate
5. Update and vote. Should Sustainable Arlington support Warrant Article by Elaine Crowder: Pre-construction Rodent Survey and Pest Management. [Link here](#)
6. Discuss & vote: What priorities and benchmarks for action should Sustainable Arlington choose? Examples:
  - a. Arlington's Net Zero Action Plan – collaborate with Clean Energy Future Committee. [Press Release](#). [Net Zero Action Plan](#).
  - b. Transition off fossil fuels – outreach re why, when, how
  - c. Massachusetts climate, environmental and energy legislation (see: Mass Power Forward, Mass Renews, Gas Leaks Allies; Rep. Sean Garballey and Rep. Dave Rogers)
  - d. Local ecosystem(s) support in Arlington:
    - i. Water quality
    - ii. Soil health
    - iii. Native plant and wildlife systems
  - e. Environmental Justice
    - i. How does environmental justice apply in Arlington, in nearby communities, and across Massachusetts? What does it mean to be an ally? (see resources below)
7. State climate and energy legislation updates
  - a. Next-Generation Roadmap climate bill, <https://malegislature.gov/bills/192/S9>
8. Report on March 13<sup>th</sup> Carbon Countdown 2021
  - a. Appreciation to Arlington Representatives Sean Garballey and Dave Rogers for attending.
9. Mystic-Charles Pollinator Pathways Group and Massachusetts Pollinator Network updates
  - a. EarthWise Aware, <https://www.earthwiseaware.org/>, local citizen science opportunities
10. New business
11. Announcements
  - a. Upcoming Actions:
    - i. Stop Peabody Plant Actionar, Tues., March 23, 6 pm Learn about the impacts of a proposed, gas-fired power plant in Peabody, MA and what you can do. Register: [https://www.massclimateaction.org/stop\\_peabody\\_plant\\_actionar](https://www.massclimateaction.org/stop_peabody_plant_actionar)
    - ii. Northeast Summit for a Sustainable Built Environment (NESSBE) **POWER OF PLACE: Climate action and justice in the built environment**, March 25-26, 2021 (Virtual Event). <https://www.nessbe.net/>
  - b. Zero Carbon Home webinar with David Green, April 8, 7:30-9 pm. Pre-register here to receive the Zoom link: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/zero-carbon-zero-bills-for-arlington-tickets-141357517139>

- c. Fill out the [Mystic Charles Pollinator Pathways Map Home Garden Survey](#). Record pollinator gardens in our region and then help fill in the gaps on the pollinator pathways. Info: [mysticcharles.pollinatorpaths@gmail.com](mailto:mysticcharles.pollinatorpaths@gmail.com).

#### Resources:

1. Environmental Justice
  - a. Mass. map of Environmental Justice communities:  
<https://www.mass.gov/info-details/environmental-justice-populations-in-massachusetts>;  
interactive map: [http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map\\_ol/ej.php](http://maps.massgis.state.ma.us/map_ol/ej.php)
  - b. "Mapping Project Explores Links Between Historic Redlining And Future Climate Vulnerability," WBUR, 3.6.2021, [ow.ly/FNrn50E3tIT](https://www.wbur.com/news/360/2021/03/06/mapping-project-explores-links-between-historic-redlining-and-future-climate-vulnerability)
  - c. "White people challenging Racism," Wednesdays May 12- June 9, Arlington Community Education.  
<https://arlington.ce.eleyo.com/course/674/spring-2021/white-people-challenging-racism-moving-from-talk-to-action>
  - d. "The History Of White People In America, Episode One: How America Invented Race," part of a WGBH series.  
<https://www.wgbh.org/programs/2020/07/06/the-history-of-white-people-in-america-episode-one-how-america-invented-race?fbclid=IwAR3hIOcHtxi98cVsH5pS9mRss1mkFFyRfpzdAEWaNBAESzpzKoXG5kjjwKpk>
2. Zero Waste Arlington: No Plastic Please campaign
  - a. To reduce single use plastic utensils (e.g., with takeout),  
<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/town-governance/boards-and-committees/zero-waste-committee>

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